

GERMANY NON-COMMITTAL IN REPLY TO WILSON ON QUESTION OF PEACE; THREE MILLION TROOPS ALONG 150 MILE BATTLE LINE; NEWS CHOKED

LOSS DEALT BOTH ARMIES IS ENORMOUS

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ALLIES ACROSS RIVER

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itary Men Shudder.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 17.—A GERMAN EMBASSY BERLIN WIRELESS TODAY SAYS: "ALL FRENCH AND ENGLISH REPORTS OF VICTORIES IN THE BATTLE IN FRANCE ARE UNTRUE. THE GERMAN RETREAT OF THE WESTERN WING WAS A PRACTICAL MANEUVER, NOT AFFECTING OUR STRATEGICAL POSITION. A FRENCH ATTEMPT TO BREAK THROUGH THE GERMAN CENTER WAS VICTORIOUSLY REPULSED. THERE IS CONFIRMATION OF SUCCESS AT SEVERAL POINTS OF A LONG EXTENDED BATTLEFIELD." THE TEMPS DECLARES LOSSES TO THE BRITISH ARMY IN RECENT FIGHTING TO HAVE BEEN 15,000 DEAD AND WOUNDED.

LONDON, SEPT. 17.—A ROME DISPATCH STATES IT IS OFFICIALLY ADMITTED IN BERLIN THAT THE GERMANS HAVE ABANDONED LIEGE.

PARIS, SEPT. 17.—VIENNA DISPATCHES SAY NEUE FRIE PRESSE ANNOUNCES AN APPROACHING CALL OF ALL RESERVISTS EN MASSE.

London, Sept. 17.—Along a 90-mile front the German armies are at bay and the allies are occupying a ledge across the river Aisne, which was won after one of the most spectacular and thrilling river crossings ever made by attacking forces under fire. For the past two days there have been sporadic attacks from both sides along this line, but according to admissions of rival headquarters they have not produced any definite results.

Both sides suffered enormously the past week, and the present pause is undoubtedly being used to bring up reinforcements and supplies. Something of the horrors of modern warfare is indicated by the hesitancy with which the authorities discussed the terrible losses marking the progress of the armies from the Marne to the Aisne. The story was told with great restraint, but with enormous and grievous details to make even military men shudder.

Hurrying Back to West.

Petrograd reports the flower of the German corps detached for service in east Prussia, are hurrying back to the western front, and Stockholm learns General Von Hindenburg, flushed with victory against the Russians on the east Prussian frontier, has been urgently summoned to command the western army.

The terribly battered second Austrian army is safe under the guns of Przemyśl, but with Russians only 19 miles away. Desperate efforts probably will be made to form a junction with the fourth Austrian army with the idea of reorganizing with Cracow as a base.

Russians Cross San.

The Russians have crossed the river San and are hammering at the retreating Austro-German forces. Despite their unprecedented losses the German allies seem to retain their fighting organization and if they gain Cracow may prevent the Russian right from marching on Berlin and Warsaw.

Grodke, 16 miles west of Limburg, occupied by Russians, is of great natural strength and can be easily defended in case of a counter attack.

Servians and Montenegrins are well within Bosnia and Herzegovina and are planning a march on Budapest.

Bodies Used for Barrier.

London, Sept. 17.—The Times Paris correspondent sends a story of fighting on the River Marne. He says: "The enemy is offering stubborn resistance on the line he prepared strongly for defense. He received considerable reinforcements. Fighting has been hottest around Soissons, where the British army was in action. Terrible stories are reaching Paris of piles of dead and wounded. At one place the Germans erected a barrier six feet high of corpses behind which to resist the French. The barrier was carried after a terrific struggle by

What German Aerial Bomb Throwers Did On Second Antwerp Visit



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Here is a view of the wreckage just outside of the city of Antwerp, caused by bombs dropped from the German Zeppelins on their second raid on the Belgian city.

KAISER PLAN IS TOPURSUE RUSS ARMS

On Defensive Against Allies and
Offensive in Eastern
Operations.

ROME, SEPT. 17 (VIA LONDON).—THE TRIBUNA STATES, THE GERMAN HEADQUARTERS STAFF HAS ADOPTED A NEW PLAN OF CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF MAINTAINING A DEFENSIVE AGAINST THE ALLIES IN THE WEST WHILE UNDERTAKING AN OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE RUSSIANS, IN WHICH 12 GERMAN ARMY CORPS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

Copenhagen, Sept. 17.—Reports that Austrians attempted to cross the river Drina with 90,000 men, but were repulsed with great losses, are declared untrue from official Austrian sources.

Petrograd, Russia, Sept. 17.—A dispatch says many deserters are arriving at Russian headquarters, mostly Slavs and Bohemians.

London, Sept. 17.—Reuter's correspondent at Maastricht, Holland, says dispatches from Cologne, Düsseldorf, Wesel and Duisburg indicate that these points are strengthening their fortifications to meet a possible advance of the allies. Another Maastricht dispatch says the Germans have not evacuated Liege. The situation there is calm and numerous German regiments of infantry and artillery with 40 guns passed through Liege Thursday in the direction of northern France.

French turcos leaving 7,500 dead marking the place.

French on Defensive.

Paris, Sept. 17.—A rear guard action supposed at first to be intended as a check to the pursuit and to facilitate the retreat of the armies of Von Kluck and Von Bülow, has developed into what probably will be called in history the battle of the Aisne. The war office says the French have not flinched. This sounds as if they are on the defensive. Cold, heavy rains are falling today throughout the fighting zone in northern and eastern France.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday;
slightly cooler tonight.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 69. Highest
yesterday, 84. Lowest last night, 67.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 2 miles
per hour.
Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 77; at
7 a. m., 91.
Stage of water, 7 feet; a rise of .5
in last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Jupiter.
Venus, Mars. Morning star: Saturn.
The brilliant Vega of the little con-
stellation Lyra seen descending west
from the point overhead about 9 p. m.

SOLDIERS' RECALL PLEASES MEXICO

Washington, Sept. 17.—Congratulatory messages from Mexico and from Mexicans in the United States poured into the White House today on the withdrawal of American forces from Vera Cruz. Carranza expressed great satisfaction through Consul Silliman.

The British ambassador called at the state department and formally expressed his regret for publication of an interview attributed to Lionel Carden, British minister to Mexico, criticizing the United States for withdrawing troops from Vera Cruz.

DEAN SUMNER IS RAISED TO BISHOP

Portland, Ore., Sept. 17.—Rev. Walter T. Sumner, dean of the Cathedral SS. Peter and Paul of Chicago, has been elected Episcopal bishop of Oregon. Sumner for years has been a national figure in social service work.

ENTERS COLLEGE AT 90

Former Chicagoan to Complete His Education in West.

Boulder, Col., Sept. 17.—Dr. J. E. Morrison, 90 years old, registered today for admission to the University of Colorado. He came to Boulder three months ago from Chicago, where he completed last year a three-year course at the University of Chicago, taking electrical engineering, physics,

sociology, economics and kindred subjects. He is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Sim, 1155 Broadway, and is hale and hearty.

FINDS GERMANY'S FIGHTERS HUMANE

Associated Press Correspondent
Denies Reports of War
Atrocities.

New York, Sept. 17.—An Associated Press staff correspondent of American birth and antecedents, who was sent from the New York office and was caught in Brussels at the time of the German invasion, held as a prisoner for several days and finally escaped to Holland, has sent by mail a story of his experiences in which he says he did not see during several days that he was with the German army any of the atrocities committed which have been charged to it. He says: "I marched for days with the German columns, often only one day behind the fighting, with the houses that had been burned still smoldering, the ground freshly broken by shell and trampled by horses and men and the memory of the German advance vivid in the minds of the inhabitants.

"Neither in Brussels, nor in its environs was a single offensive act, so far as I know, committed by a German soldier. In a city of over half a million people, invaded by a hostile army of perhaps a quarter of a million soldiers, no act sufficiently flagrant to demand punishment or to awaken protest came to my attention.

"The frightful reports that had preceded the German army into Brussels included the disemboweling of old men and the impaling of children on lances, just outside of Louvain. Investigation not only failed to substantiate these rumors but could not even discover any one in the immediate vicinity who credited them."

MORE WHEAT FOR CANADA

Dominion Plans to Double Acreage in View of War.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—As a war measure the Canadian government will endeavor to have the wheat acreage doubled next year. A conference has been held between the Dominion minister of agriculture and experts in wheat production to devise means to enlarge the wheat acreage of Canada for the coming crop. Farmers will be advised that it will be good business and good patriotism to seed every acre at their disposal to wheat.

ITALIANS ARE ORDERED OUT FOR THE 28TH

King Emmanuel's Reservists in
the French Capital Re-
ceive Summons.

LONDON, SEPT. 17.—THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S PARIS CORRESPONDENT SAYS ITALIAN RESERVISTS IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR SEPT. 28. THEY BELIEVE THIS MEANS ITALY'S ENTRANCE INTO WAR.

LONDON, SEPT. 17.—ITALIAN AND ROMANIAN ACTIVITIES SEEM TO POINT TO DECISIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHOULD THESE COUNTRIES TAKE THE FIELD AGAINST AUSTRO-HUNGARY, IT IS ARGUED HERE, GERMANY WOULD BE THROWN ON HER OWN RESOURCES TO REPEL THE MUSCOVITE HOSTS THUS STRONGLY REINFORCED. ITALY SEEMS TO HAVE CALLED HER RESERVISTS TO THE COLORS AND TO BE ON THE POINT OF OCCUPYING AVALONA IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD HER INTERESTS ON THE ADRIATIC.

SHOTS BRING MUCH GOLD

Canadians Fire Salvoes While People
Subscribe \$750,000 for War.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—A total of \$750,000 has been raised by the people of Montreal in three days for the Canadian patriotic fund, initiated by the Duke of Connaught, governor general. This fund is to be used for the relief of families of Canadians who have gone or will go to the war. Military bands paraded the streets, and as each \$100,000 was raised the local artillery company, stationed near the Canadian Pacific station, roused enthusiasm by firing a salvo, heard all over the city.

Ship Registers Under U. S. Flag.

New York, Sept. 17.—With elaborated ceremonies, the British flag was lowered and the Stars and Stripes run up today aboard the United Fruit company steamer Zacapa, first of the company's fleet of twenty-five vessels to register under the American flag.

Buy 25,000 Bales of Cotton.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 17.—Twenty-five thousand bales of cotton will be

WORLD LEFT TO GUESS OVER RESULTS OF THE TERRIFIC CLASH AT NORTH OF AISNE

Germans in Selected Position, With Strong Rein-
forcements From Lorraine---Crown Prince Forces
Headed for Stenay Gap With French On Trail

BOTH SIDES CLAIM GAINS IN FRANCE STRUGGLE

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 17.—PRESIDENT WILSON ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY A NONCOMMITTAL REPLY TO HIS INQUIRY INTO A REPORT THAT EMPEROR WILLIAM WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS TERMS OF PEACE. THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE WHETHER THE INQUIRY HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMPEROR. THE OPINION PREVAILS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT A FURTHER REPLY IS EXPECTED.

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REPORTS CONCERNING THE EASTERN THEATRE OF WAR ARE CONFLICTING, IT APPEARS SEVERAL GERMAN CORPS SENT INTO EAST PRUSSIA HAVE PUSHED THE RUSSIANS BACK WITH GREAT LOSS TO THE MUSCOVITES. ENORMOUS LOSSES TO THE AUSTRILIANS ARE ADMITTED IN VIENNA. PETROGRAD REPORTS TURKISH TROOPS CONCENTRATING ON THE BULGARIAN FRONTIER.

IT IS ADMITTED THAT THE TOLL OF DEATH IN THE BATTLE OF AISNE, RAGING THREE DAYS, IS SO STAGGERING THAT OFFICIALS HESITATE TO REVEAL THE FACTS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GERMANS KILLED, WOUNDED AND MISSING PUBLISHED UP TO DATE AT BERLIN IS 33,788. AMONG THE KILLED WERE PRINCE OTTO OF SCHOMBURG WALDENBERG.

PARIS, (AFTERNOON), SEPT. 17.—AN OFFICIAL REPORT SHOWS THAT A GREAT BATTLE IS CONTINUING WITH UNDECISIVE RESULTS. RESISTANCE OF THE GERMANS IS NOT BROKEN, BUT AT CERTAIN POINTS THEY ARE DESCRIBED AS GIVING BACK SLIGHTLY. AT OTHER POINTS THEY CONTINUE TO FORTIFY. THE FRENCH WERE REPULSED IN SOME OF THEIR COUNTER ATTACKS.

SUMMARIZING THE SITUATION THE REPORT SAYS: "BATTLE IS BEING CONTINUED ON THE ENTIRE FRONT BETWEEN THE RIVER OISE AND THE RIVER MEUSE. THE GERMANS OCCUPY POSITIONS ORGANIZED FOR DEFENSE AND ARE ARMED WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY.

"THE AUSTRIAN ARMIES EVACUATING GALICIA ARE IN FULL ROUT. THEIR LOSSES IN KILLED, WOUNDED AND PRISONERS ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND. GERMANS WHO WENT TO THEIR SUCCOR ARE RETREATING."

BERLIN, SEPT. 17. (WIRELESS VIA SAYVILLE, L. I.)—AN OFFICIAL REPORT AT MIDNIGHT SAYS THE FRENCH FRONT IS UNCHANGED. FRENCH ATTACKS AT A NUMBER OF POINTS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WERE REPULSED BY THE GERMANS, WHO MADE A NUMBER OF VICTORIOUS COUNTER ATTACKS.

WINNING TO ILLNESS. GENERAL VON HAUSEN, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE SECOND ARMY, HAS BEEN REPLACED BY GENERAL VON EINEM, FORMER MINISTER OF WAR. VON HAUSEN IS 68. GENERAL VON SCUBERL, LEADER OF THE FOURTEENTH RESERVE CORPS, HAS BEEN REPLACED BY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL VON STEIN, EDITOR OF OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS AND AUTHOR OF LACONIC WAR BULLETINS.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT BY WIRELESS REPORTED FROM VIENNA THAT 1,800 GALICIAN TRAITORS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO GRAZ, AUSTRIA, WHERE THEY ARE AWAITING SENTENCE. THEY ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN PAID BY RUSSIA TO SIGNAL POSITIONS OF AUSTRIAN TROOPS TO THE RUSSIAN ARMY. TWENTY-ONE GERMAN RECRUITS WERE FOUND LYING HELPLESS ON A HIGHWAY TO EAST PRUSSIA. COSSACKS SURPRISED THEM THE DAY BEFORE AND SEVERED THEIR HANDS OR LEGS AND CUT OFF THEIR EARS AND NOSES.

LONDON, SEPT. 17.—THE WORLD ONCE MORE HAS BEEN SET THE TASK OF GUESSING HOW THE TERRIFIC CLASH OF ARMS ON THE HEIGHTS NORTHWARD OF THE RIVER AISNE IS PROGRESSING. BERLIN CLAIMS THE ATTACKS OF THE ALLIES WERE REPULSED AND THAT GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS SUCCEEDED, WHILE IT IS ASSERTED OFFICIALLY IN LONDON THAT THE GERMAN COUNTER ATTACK WAS REPULSED AND THAT THE INVADERS WERE SLOWLY GIVING WAY.

THE BATTLE LINES MUST BE QUITE NEAR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES LONG, SO THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR SUCCESS ON THAT PART OF THE FIELD AND REVERSES ELSEWHERE. THE OPPOSING ARMIES, WITH HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS WHICH HAVE REACHED THEM, PROBABLY TOTAL IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THREE MILLION. THE GERMANS ARE IN THEIR SELECTED POSITIONS WITH STRONG REINFORCEMENTS FROM LORRAINE, CONSEQUENTLY THIS GREAT BATTLE MAY YET PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST DECISIVE AND MOMENTOUS OF THE WAR.

THE BRITISH AND FRENCH SEEM TO BE ATTEMPTING TO REPEAT ON THE AISNE THE TURNING MOVEMENTS CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY ON THE MARNE, AND THEY ARE AWARE THAT SHOULD THE GERMAN RIGHT BE AGAIN TURNED THERE IS NO GREAT DEFENSIVE PORTION BEHIND THE INVADERS UNTIL THEY REACH THE RIVER MEUSE.

THE FRENCH ARMY WHICH BARRED THE EXIT OF THE CROWN PRINCE'S FORCES BY TOUL IS STILL HURRYING IN PURSUIT OF HIM IN THE DIRECTION OF STENAY GAP.

taken by St. Louis interests in the "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement being promoted for holding the crop until the European emergency passes over.

COLORADO SEEMS CLOSE TO PEACE

Washington, Sept. 17.—President Wilson today received formal notification that the striking Colorado miners have confirmed the action of the officers of the United Mine Workers in accepting a tentative basis for settlement of the strike. The operators are expected to reach a decision Saturday.

BOAT DEFIES U. S. LAWS

Departs Without Wireless and Pen-
alty Suit Is Ordered.

Baltimore, Sept. 17.—In opposition to a ruling of the United States de-

partment of commerce, that United States laws cannot be altered by the regulations of any foreign nation, the British steamer Roxburgh yesterday left Baltimore for Bordeaux, France, without being equipped with a wireless outfit, as required by the federal law.

The maximum penalty for violation of this law is \$5,000.

The collector of the port sent the case to United States District Attorney Hill, with orders to institute action against the ship's master.

SILVIS CITIZENS WANT SEWER AND WATERMAIN

At the regular meeting of the village board of Silvis request was made by several citizens that sewer and water mains be installed on Fifteenth street between Second and Fourth avenues. The project is one of the smaller improvements considered by the board and was taken under advisement.

The Ninth street paving proposition is still being held up pending the outcome of the hearing in county court.